



# Education Watch

Enhancing Flexibility & Accountability ■ Leaving No Child Behind

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## President's Budget Provides Resources, Demands Accountability

House Education & the Workforce Committee Chairman John Boehner praised President Bush's FY 2002 budget as a way to help close the achievement gap between disadvantaged students and their more affluent peers and give all children a world-class education.

"The budget is a common sense approach to improve education and to make sure no child is left behind," Boehner said. "It reflects President Bush's efforts to close the achievement gap in education for disadvantaged students; to bring accountability and quality to schools; and to empower parents to help their children succeed."

"Money alone cannot be the vehicle for change in our public schools," Boehner continued. "There must also be accountability, and this budget provides for it. Washington has spent more than \$130 billion since 1965 -- more than \$80 billion of it in the last 10 years alone -- in a well-intentioned but failed effort to close the achievement gap. For far too long we have been spending federal dollars on education without being able to track our students' progress and make certain that they are learning."

H.R. 1 would, for the first time, demand real results from public schools that receive federal education resources. His message is clear: Public schools must educate our children, and we will hold them accountable for how well they perform that job -- not just for how quickly they spend taxpayer money.

### Message of the Day

**President Bush has proposed an increase in federal education funding, but flexibility and accountability are the key components of his *No Child Left Behind* reform plan.**

- *Until we have a system of real accountability in place to ensure that public schools using federal education dollars are teaching our children, it is not wise to pursue massive increases in federal education spending.*
- *This is the approach Washington has followed in the past -- and as a tragic consequence, many children have been trapped in chronically failing schools.*

### DAILY EDUCATION FACTS

- President Bush's budget provides \$320 million for states to develop annual assessments to track student performance in grades three through eight -- the centerpiece of the president's accountability plan.
- The President's budget provides \$400 million within Title I for grants to low-performing schools, a 78 percent increase over FY 2001.
- The budget proposal increases aid to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) by seven percent and Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs) by six percent more than in FY 2001.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"It is time to stop funding failure and promoting a culture of compliance and start building a culture of achievement and accountability in our education system."* Secretary of Education Rod Paige, March 13, 2001, testimony before the House Budget Committee